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Conversation Contents

Murray

Betsy Hildebrandt <bhildebrandt@usgs.gov>

From: Betsy Hildebrandt <bhildebrandt@usgs.gov>
Sent: Fri Dec 22 2017 05:42:43 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Anne-Berry Wade <abwade@usgs.gov>
Subject: Murray

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"Wade, Anne-Berry" <abwade@usgs.gov>

From: "Wade, Anne-Berry" <abwade@usgs.gov>
Sent: Fri Dec 22 2017 12:29:29 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Betsy Hildebrandt <bhildebrandt@usgs.gov>
Subject: Re: Murray

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To: "Wade, Anne-Berry" <abwade@usgs.gov>
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"A.B. Wade" <abwade@usgs.gov>, Leslie W Jones <ljones@usgs.gov>, Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>, Judy Nowakowski <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>, Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>, Sarah Ryker <sryker@usgs.gov>, David Diamond <dbdiamond@usgs.gov>, Thomas Crafford <tcrafford@usgs.gov>, David Houseknecht <dhouse@usgs.gov>, "Lukas, William" <wlukas@usgs.gov>, Betsy Hildebrandt <bhildebrandt@usgs.gov>, Catherine Puckett <catherine_puckett@usgs.gov>
To:
CC: William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>
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From: "Jones, Leslie" <ljones@usgs.gov>
Sent: Fri Dec 15 2017 12:58:00 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Applegate, David" <applegate@usgs.gov>
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Subject: Re: DOI info on critical minerals and NPRA assessment

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Subject: Fwd: DOI info on critical minerals and NPRA assessment

Leslie (SPN) confirms awareness for posting 1802.

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Attachments:

/3. Update on Procedures for Energy (and Minerals) Program Document on Assessment Releases/1.1 Steps for Assessment Fact Sheet Review and Release Revised 2017 final.docx
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From: "Robinson, Craig" <crrobinson@usgs.gov>
Sent: Wed Dec 13 2017 10:00:32 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, "Nowakowski, Judy" <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>
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To: Carolyn Reid <clreid@usgs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Update on Procedures for Energy (and Minerals) Program Document on Assessment Releases
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Craig,

Here is what I did to modify the language in SM 502.5, Policy section 3.C to incorporate the energy and minerals text for DOI notification. I will be sending the complete draft chapter to the FSPAC/BAOs today for a quick last look (not another review, but to call out any show stoppers) before we prepare it for ELT review

C. Unpublished USGS results, such as energy and mineral resource assessments and mineral commodity information that typically have significant economic implications, are handled as follows:

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early or pre-release in these cases could result in an unfair advantage or the perception of unfair advantage to some entities.

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Some reviewers expressed interest in seeing a marked copy that shows all the comments we received from your review and how we reconciled them so a reconciled comments document is the third attachment below. Once this last look is completed and the draft is finalized, a marked copy showing all revisions in this update compared to the existing chapter will be prepared for so others have this information for the ELT review.

Please send any comments you have on attachments 1 and 2 to me by COB December 21, 2017.

On behalf of the FSP SM Policy Subcommittee thank you in advance for taking the time to give this material a quick last look before it's prepared for ELT review.

Request: Send any additional feedback in an email rather than send new the Word document with tracked changes/comments because it is very time consuming to reconcile multiple Word documents with edits/comments.

For your information, regarding SM 502.1 - FSP Foundation Policy, we will begin reconciling comments from the recent ELT review in the next few weeks. We will also be sending you our reconciliation and the updated draft of currently numbered SM 1100.5 - Authorship, which you provided comments on a few months ago, for a last look .

Thanks again and have a great evening.

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Date: Fri, May 5, 2017 at 5:08 PM

Subject: Fwd: For your review by COB May 16: Revised drafts of two FSP SM policy chapters SM 502.1 - FSP:Foundation and 502.5 - FSP: Safeguarding Unpublished Scientific Information and Associated Materials

To: Carolyn Reid <clreid@usgs.gov>

Hello All,

On behalf of the FSPAC SM Policy Subcommittee, the two subject draft revised policy chapters are submitted for your review. Clean versions of the drafts are attached as well as marked copies showing all the edits made to the existing versions.

Also attached is a Directives Brief that summarizes and highlights important changes made in the chapters.

We'd appreciate it if you could sent any comments you have by COB May 16. When possible, please consolidate your

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The subcommittee looks forward to your feedback on our efforts in revising these two important FSP survey manual chapters. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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I assume we would use this for release of mineral assessments - yes.

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I do have a question: will Minerals be issuing a similar document for mineral assessments?

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To: "Robinson, Craig" <crrobinson@usgs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NPRA fact sheet

Sorry, it was AB, not Alex ((b) (6)). I will try to find out who gave her these instructions...

Leslie

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From: **Jones, Leslie** <ljones@usgs.gov>
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Subject: NPRA fact sheet
To: Carol Wilkinson <cwilkinson@usgs.gov>, "Hoffman, James" <jhoffman@usgs.gov>, Tania Larson <tlarson@usgs.gov>
Cc: Katharine Schindler <kschindl@usgs.gov>

Hi all,

I have the release info for this fact sheet:

Please let me know that you received this message, I realize this does not align with the Director's new policy, but this is what we're being told to do.

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From: **Anne-Berry Wade** <abwade@usgs.gov>
Date: Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 2:51 PM
Subject: DOI briefing on NPRA
To: Alex Demas <apdemas@usgs.gov>, Bill Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, David Houseknecht <dhouse@usgs.gov>, "Jester, Julia" <jjester@usgs.gov>, Mia Drane-Maury <mdrane-maury@usgs.gov>, Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>

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should be coming out from Gareth.

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The fact sheet can be posted when the briefing starts at 10:30.

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To: crrobinson@usgs.gov, ljones@usgs.gov, mhitzman@usgs.gov, whwerkhe@usgs.gov, applegate@usgs.gov, jctaylor@usgs.gov
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USGS briefing process for energy and mineral assessments

"Taggart, Bruce" <btaggart@usgs.gov>

From: "Taggart, Bruce" <btaggart@usgs.gov>
Sent: Thu Nov 16 2017 13:01:22 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Walter S Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>
CC: Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, Craig Robinson <crrobinson@usgs.gov>, "Kotra, Rama" <rkotra@usgs.gov>
Subject: USGS briefing process for energy and mineral assessments

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Bruce

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--Black Elk

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From: Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>
Sent: Thu Nov 16 2017 13:16:25 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Bruce Taggart <btaggart@usgs.gov>
CC: Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, Craig Robinson <crrobinson@usgs.gov>, Rama Kotra <rkotra@usgs.gov>

Subject:

RE: USGS briefing process for energy and mineral assessments

Bruce, thanks for your note and for speaking with Craig. I've asked Hirut Mengustu of the EMEH Mission Area office to work with Marina to set up a time to meet with Craig.

Walter

From: Taggart, Bruce [mailto:btaggart@usgs.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 3:01 PM

To: Walter S Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>

Cc: Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>; Craig Robinson <crrobinson@usgs.gov>; Kotra, Rama <rkotra@usgs.gov>

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Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Fwd: NPRA assessment release - December 2017

1 message

Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 5:54 PM

To: William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>

meant to copy you on my email to Walter...

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From: **Houseknecht, David** <dhouse@usgs.gov>

Date: Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 5:52 PM

Subject: Re: NPRA assessment release - December 2017

To: "Nowakowski, Judy" <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Cc: Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>, William Lukas <wlukas@usgs.gov>, Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, David Diamond <dbdiamond@usgs.gov>, Sarah Ryker <sryker@usgs.gov>, "Onizuk, Jeffrey M" <jonizuk@usgs.gov>, Alex Demas <adem@usgs.gov>, "Devaris, Aimee" <adevaris@usgs.gov>

In addition, I suggest a WebEx for pertinent Federal and State agencies around noon or 1:00 pm as news will be breaking during early morning in Alaska and there will be lots of demand for briefings and Q&A. Agencies should include at least:

BLM

BOEM

Alaska Department of Natural Resources (including Division of Oil and Gas, and Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys)

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Alaska Department of Taxation

There also is very high interest among NGOs - I am getting weekly emails asking about release date. It would be good to either have a WebEx just for them, or to combine them with group above or with a media group. The latter may be preferable as the focus would be more technical for above group and less technical for NGO and media group.

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On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 5:44 PM, Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi Walter, Bill's fine with all of this too, it's well thought out. Neither of us have suggestions for additional Congressional stakeholders (maybe Jeff does?). Thanks again for sending it. Judy

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 3:58 PM, Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov> wrote:

Thanks Walter. This all looks good to me but let me run it by Bill too, I'll circle back.

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 3:22 PM, Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov> wrote:

Judy et al,

I'm following up on the upcoming release schedule for the upcoming resource assessment of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPRA). As you know, this is the first in a series of North Slope assessments that USGS and other DOI agencies will release over the next few years. We expect this release to be relatively high-profile so I'm sending this to you as advance notice and as a request for help on items below:

- **Dates:** The assessment release date will likely be December 20 or 21. Communications, Congressional and Publications have all been made aware and are all planning toward that date. The precise date is unknown yet but

it will take place around the middle of the week of December 18th.

Request: Please confirm concurrence with these dates.

Concur

- **Holiday timing:** A release around Dec 20/21 obviously pushes against a holiday timeline when many people may already be on leave. We've committed to issuing the assessment by year-end.

Request: Please confirm that we should proceed with the planned Dec 20/21 release date.

Concur

- **Multi-agency release:** USGS will produce an assessment of the onshore NPRA, however BOEM will issue its assessment of the OCS offshore simultaneously with ours.

Request: Our approach would be to combine briefings, Congressional and media events; please confirm.

Concur

- **DOI attendees:** Our proposed approach will be to provide two briefings – one for senior-level DOI (potentially involving Secretary Zinke, Vincent DeVito, David Bernhardt, Steve Wackowski, Kate MacGregor, Andrea Travnicek or their designees) as well as one for general attendees from either W&S and/or L&M. Since this will be a joint assessment release, BOEM and BLM (and perhaps even FWS given potential questions over future ANWR activity) should be invited to one or both of the briefings. W&S has in the past offered to host these types of meetings since they're in our direct line of command.

Request: Please confirm this approach – we can coordinate with Bill Lukas if you agree.

Concur

- **Media session:** We expect media interest to be high given the high profile of the Alaska North Slope. Our Communications staff (Alex Demas) is investigating how to arrange a single event to which all media are invited and where we can answer Q&A via an audio bridge or other technical setup that enables efficient media messaging.

Request: No specific request here; just for awareness and confirmation that you're onboard with this approach

Concur

- **Congressional briefings:** Our approach will be to provide individual briefings for the staff of Senators Murkowski and Sullivan as well as for Rep. Young (all of Alaska). Beyond that, we'll also need to brief Republican and Democratic staff for both the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee as well as the House Natural Resources Committee.

Request: Beyond concurring with this approach, are there any other Congressional stakeholders we should involve?

Concur; no suggestions for other Congressional stakeholders

Many thanks and happy to talk this through; just let me know when you might be available for a chat. Others, please let me know if I've missed anything or if we need to include others in the conversation.

Walter



Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Re: Resource Assessments--Update

1 message

Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM

To: Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>

Cc: Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>, Margo Harris <mrharris@usgs.gov>

Hi Walter, I checked with Bill, his schedule is already too full next week to hang open for this so he'll pass but is glad you'll be going for us. Thanks again for letting us know.

On Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Judy Nowakowski <jnowakowski@usgs.gov> wrote:

Thanks for the heads up, Walter. We should see if Bill would want to sit in too and then work an invitation for him through Andrea if he does. I'll work on that and circle back with you.

On Nov 30, 2017, at 11:09 AM, Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov> wrote:

Judy, for awareness I received the following note this morning from Kate MacGregor re: a meeting to be held soon to discuss the upcoming NPRA assessment. Curiously I'm the only USGS person who's been invited to attend. I'm happy to go and share what we can on a conceptual basis but both Murray and I felt you and/or Bill should be aware of this. Happy to talk further; just let me know. Thanks...

Walter

From: MacGregor, Katharine [mailto:katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:59 AM

To: Andrea Travnicek <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov>; James Cason <james_cason@ios.doi.gov>; Walter Cruickshank <Walter.Cruickshank@boem.gov>; Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>; David Bernhardt <(b) (6)@ios.doi.gov>; Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Resource Assessments--Update

BOEM is getting close on their updated resource assessment for the nearshore Beaufort and USGS is getting close on their updated resource assessment for NPRA - all as directed by the Secretarial Order 3352 - which directed updated resource assessments for the North Slope. I'd like to propose getting our teams together to have a discussion on with Jim, David, and our press shop next week or the following week just to conceptually chat about some of the science that went into this endeavor, and the potential for a joint roll out between BOEM/USGS in accordance with the Secretarial Order. Does that work? I am fully aware that a full briefing of the actual materials and findings is not possible until the date we roll this out.

-Kate

Kate MacGregor

Acting Assistant Secretary - Land and Minerals Management

U.S. Department of the Interior



Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Meeting set for 11/28 at 5:00 in DSCR: apprising DOI of resource assessment results

1 message

Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Wed, Nov 22, 2017 at 2:31 PM

To: Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, Leslie Jones <ljonas@usgs.gov>, Craig Robinson <crrobinson@usgs.gov>, Margo Harris <mrharris@usgs.gov>

Cc: William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>

Hi all,

Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 5:00 works for everyone so please lock that in on your calendars. We'll meet in the Director's small conference room.

Margo: please lock it in for Bill too.

Thanks!

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 4:00 PM, Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi all, I'd like us to meet next week, if possible, to discuss with Bill the timing of apprising DOI of energy/mineral resource assessment results in relation to their release and announcement. I've created a doodle poll at the link below that includes Bill's availability; please complete the poll around his schedule. You're free to bring staff as appropriate, just let me know how many so I can find a room that fits (Director's small vs large conference room). I'll circle back with the particulars. Thanks!

<https://doodle.com/poll/kymza63q8uin5atw>



Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Re: Policy regarding energy assessment release

1 message

Andrea Travnicek <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Nov 10, 2017 at 10:57 AM

To: "Nowakowski, Judy" <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Cc: William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>, "Karen (Kerry) Rae" <kerry_rae@ios.doi.gov>, William Lukas <wlukas@usgs.gov>

Thanks Judy.

Look forward to see the write up and map so all of the bureaus are aware of this assessment coming out.
Andrea

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 9, 2017, at 12:13 PM, Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrea, there's nothing about this report that we can't discuss with you immediately (an hour or so) prior to its public release (so during the briefing, before it becomes live on the Web). Please let me know if you're being told differently. Thanks!

On Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 12:10 PM, Andrea Travnicek <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

And I think a map was going to be sent to me early. Maybe I missed that email.
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 9, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Lukas, William <wlukas@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrea

Yes. We have a briefing scheduled for 10am (EST) Nov 14 and have added a conference line so you and Kerry can dial in from Sioux Falls. We have also invited DOI Comms and OCL as requested. The plan is to have the assessment poised in a public facing location so we can conduct the briefing using the numbers from the assessment. Once the briefing is complete, the news release announcing the assessment will be distributed and posted on the USGS Newsroom.

Thanks!

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Bill Lukas | 202-208-4457
USGS Liaison to Water & Science
asws_liaison@usgs.gov

On Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 11:12 AM, Travnicek, Andrea <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks for the info. Also did we get a call/briefing set up for next week to go over some of the info that you could discuss?

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On Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 10:52 AM, Wade, Anne-Berry <abwade@usgs.gov> wrote:
Hi Andrea,

Good seeing you at DOI yesterday.

To respond to your question about the basis for our assessment release policy of not including the specific assessment numbers, there is specific, relevant language in the USGS [Fundamental Science Practices](#) which prohibits release of results prior to public release (see B). There are exceptions for funding or collaborating agencies (see C) but the exceptions do not apply to energy or mineral assessments.

The excerpts below can be found at – <http://www.usgs.gov/usgs-manual/500/502-5.html>

502.5 – Fundamental Science Practices: Safeguarding Unpublished U.S. Geological Survey Data, Information, and Associated Scientific Materials

3. Policy.

B. USGS Fundamental Science Practices (FSP) underlie USGS science activities, uphold the Bureau's scientific reputation, and underscore its mandate to provide reliable science to address pressing societal issues ([SM 502.1](#)). The Bureau's rigorous quality assurance procedures embodied in the USGS FSP ensure that the results of USGS science activities have undergone an appropriate level of scrutiny and review, including peer review and Bureau approval. This process ensures that unbiased, reliable USGS data and information are released ([SM 502.4](#)). Unpublished data and information gathered through investigations and observations by USGS employees, contractors, and volunteers must not be disclosed until the information is made available to all, impartially and simultaneously, through Bureau-approved publication or other approved means of public release.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Re: Policy regarding energy assessment release



Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

DOI briefing re Potential Uranium Resources set for 11/14 at 10:00 am ET (9:00 am CT)

1 message

Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 4:25 PM

To: "Karen (Kerry) Rae" <kerry_rae@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>, William Lukas <wlukas@usgs.gov>

Hi Kerry, we can do the DOI briefing on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 10:00 am ET (9:00 am CT) and will get a briefing paper to you soon. Thanks!

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From: **Mengestu, Hirut** <hmengestu@usgs.gov>

Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 3:49 PM

Subject: Re: Action: DOI briefing re USGS Estimates XX Pounds of Potential Uranium Resources in Parts of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma

To: "Nowakowski, Judy" <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Cc: "Hitzman, Murray" <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, "Meinert, Lawrence" <lmeinert@usgs.gov>, Walter Guidroz <wguidroz@usgs.gov>, Betsy Hildebrandt <bhildebrandt@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>, William Lukas <wlukas@usgs.gov>, Anne-Berry Wade <abwade@usgs.gov>

Yes for Murray, Larry and Walter -- thanks.

Hirut S. Mengestu

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On Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 3:39 PM, Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov> wrote:

Thanks Hirut!

Murray/Larry/Walter: should we say 11/14 at 10:00 am ET for the (30 min) DOI briefing, then? (If that doesn't work well we can can pick any half hour block within the 10:00-noon timeframe). Thanks!

On Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 2:55 PM, Hitzman, Murray <mhitzman@usgs.gov> wrote:

Judy -- anytime between 10:0 to noon will work for Murray. He will be at the National Academies of Sciences for an all day meeting, but will step out to participate on the call.

Thanks,

Hirut

On Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 2:15 PM, Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi Murray and Betsy,

Would you mind seeing what time would work best for us within the window Kerry's given (11/14, 10:00-noon ET) and working toward that (and letting us know)?

Murray: would you mind having someone prepare a briefing paper laying out implications and likely level of interest (per Kerry's email)?

Thanks!

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From: **Nowakowski, Judy** <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Date: Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 1:58 PM

Subject: Re: For policy review: USGS Estimates XX Pounds of Potential Uranium Resources in Parts of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma

To: "Rae, Kerry" <kerry_rae@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Travnicek, Andrea" <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov>, William Lukas <wlukas@usgs.gov>, "Wade, Anne-Berry" <abwade@usgs.gov>, Austin Ewell <austin_ewell@ios.doi.gov>, Ryan Nichols <ryan_nichols@ios.doi.gov>, William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>, Betsy Hildebrandt <bhildebrandt@usgs.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>

got it, we'll see what works best within that time slot on our end and circle back to confirm. Thanks!

On Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 1:53 PM, Rae, Kerry <kerry_rae@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Adding Judy and Bill L...

The presentation driving the release date falls between Nov 15-17, so I'm thinking a Nov 14 release date.

This would allow for a morning briefing call for 30 minutes on Tuesday, which Andrea could take from Sioux Falls and could also include DOI Comms, ASLM, and OCL if they're interested. Would be good to have the heads up on implications and level of interest that's likely to be generated.

If that works for you all, I think we have flexibility between 9-11am central time (10-12 eastern) to step out of workshops.

Thanks, Kerry

On Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 12:43 PM, Travnicek, Andrea <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I am fine with this release. Can you make sure we get the details when the results are ready to go public? We should be made aware of that. And are there any other materials we should be aware of on this?

Thanks.

Andrea

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On Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 4:37 PM, Wade, Anne-Berry <abwade@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrea,

Attached is a "scrubbed version" of a news release about the potential undiscovered uranium oxide resources in parts of NM, TX and OK. We plan to make this study live on Nov. 13 because the lead scientist, Susan Hall has been asked to present at an international conference where this will be discussed. It is a USGS publication.

A bit of background: The USGS has a long-standing policy, where we do not disclose any numbers in our energy assessment announcements, prior to publication. This policy is written into the Fundamental Science Practices and ensures that USGS maintains its neutrality and its unbiased, impartial and objective scientific standing.

Energy assessments and news releases are carefully timed to ensure the studies go live first, followed by the distribution of the news release. Members of Congress get briefed on new assessment results immediately after the studies are posted online as well.

Even though this release has XXs instead of specific numbers, it will give you the gist of what we are announcing.

Here is our Comms Plan

USGS Estimates XX Pounds of Uranium Ore in Portions of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma

- **What:** USGS estimates XX pounds of uranium ore in portions of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.
- **Release:** National News Release
- **Date Entered:** Monday, November 6
- **Estimated Release Date:** Monday, November 13
- **Specific locations:** North & West Texas, Eastern New Mexico, small portion of Western Oklahoma
- **Background:** The discovery of calcrete deposits by industry led USGS to conduct an assessment. In the process of the assessment, a new species of uranium mineral was discovered and named by USGS for a long-time USGS uranium geologist.
- **Partners/Stakeholders:** None
- **Hill Interest:** Likely, Focus is on Texas & New Mexico Delegations
- **High-Profile/Controversial:** High-Profile, Possibly Controversial due to Nuclear fuel
- **Journal/Outlet:** USGS
- **Publication Status:** Unpublished, but ready for dissemination
- **Social Media Plans:** Facebook Post, @USGS Tweet, @USGSEnergy Tweet
- **DOI Priority:** 2a, 2b

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"Hitzman, Murray" <mhitzman@usgs.gov>

From: "Hitzman, Murray" <mhitzman@usgs.gov>
Sent: Thu Feb 01 2018 08:16:38 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Mengestu, Hirut" <hmengestu@usgs.gov>
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From: **Jones, Leslie** <ljones@usgs.gov>
Date: Mon, Dec 4, 2017 at 11:50 AM
Subject: Fwd: Steps for review and release of Energy assessment number publications
To: Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>

A more final version of the document after OSQI, OCAP, and Energy review:

Leslie

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From: **Ferderer, David** <dferdere@usgs.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 18, 2014 at 9:26 AM
Subject: Re: Steps for review and release of Energy assessment number publications
To: "Larson, Tania" <tlarson@usgs.gov>
Cc: Vito Nuccio <vnuccio@usgs.gov>

Tania, Leslie, and Steve,

Thank you for the input and feedback on the Assessment Fact Sheet review process. I am incorporating your edits for a final draft. I am also providing responses to your suggestions as needed to provide additional context.

In #1, you mention uploading final documents to the IPDS, but Steve is suggesting we say preliminary (review) documents, which is what is described at the end of the document in #9, as we do not place final production documents into the IPDS.

R: Included preliminary (review) text in Item #1 - our goals is to have IPDS as the final approved record for the product and the expectation that the Author and Science Center will ensure all documents (preliminary and final approved) are uploaded into IPDS;

You may want to make the specific IPDS routing tasks stand out from the actual workflow procedures by setting them in italic type beginning in #2.a. It would also be helpful to include all the IPDS steps from peer review through production, at least those that the center is responsible for completing.

R: Re-formatted the bold text (smaller) and italicized the process steps.

Steps a-f in #2 do not align with the IPDS routing tasks, as there is no science center director approval step between peer review and SPN edit. In the IPDS routing, this comes after the SPN edit.

R: Noted, CERSC includes a Team/SCD review prior to going to SPN. This variance from BAO/SPN is identified in routing step (f). Other Science Centers may not include this step; resultant product, however does end up in SPN.

The SPN should not be alerted to new reports through the IPDS, as stated in #3. Per the IPDS help page on routing tasks, there are several steps required before a product is moved to the SPN edit task, including consultation with the PSC, submittal of files, development of IPPA, and approval/return of IPPA. (For the Denver PSC, authors can send submission of files for estimating to denpsc_submissions@usgs.gov).

R: Noted and removed the alert as well as added the additional SPN detail.

In #4, the author should not send reports to the BAO without going through their supervisor and the center director. The center director approval step actually comes between SPN edit and BAO approval (see IPDS routing tasks).

R: In CERSC, the routing sequence step f was inserted to provide Science Center review and approval prior to going to SPN. Subsequent textual/grammatical/Suggestion to Author edits to the manuscript are discussed, finalized, and approved with communication between SPN and the Author. The BAO provides a final edit and notifies the Author and SCD/designee of any changes. The Author finalizes the documents and then it is sent to SPN for layout. Given the preliminary sign-off by the SCD, the SCD is only engaged again if there are additional scientific concerns regarding the manuscript.

Thanks again for the feedback!

I have enclosed a draft of the edit changes, which will be forwarded to Vito Nuccio and others for final review and eventual ratification

Regards!

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Date: Mon, Dec 4, 2017 at 11:49 AM
Subject: Fwd: Steps for review and release of Energy assessment number publications
To: Murray Hitzman <mhitzman@usgs.gov>

This is the draft document that I mentioned, and though it does not directly address the timing of release of numbers to DOI officials, it does show the lengths USGS has been going to to keep this information from getting out to anyone before it goes live.

Leslie

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From: **Jones, Leslie** <ljones@usgs.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 9, 2014 at 3:17 PM
Subject: Re: Steps for review and release of Energy assessment number publications
To: "Larson, Tania" <tlarson@usgs.gov>
Cc: Steve A Longworth <salong@usgs.gov>

Okay, so I added some language that I think is necessary (to protect us). Can you all see if the workflow is right? Anything else we should add/change?

Tania, do you want me to respond or you? If you do, please say in the email that I've been working with Doug Duncan on this issue and that we suggested the FTP approach since we use it for other sensitive reports. Just so they know...

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Date: Thu, Oct 9, 2014 at 12:32 PM

Subject: Steps for review and release of Energy assessment number publications

To: Tania Larson <tlarson@usgs.gov>

Cc: David Ferderer <dferdere@usgs.gov>

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Please review the attached and let us know if this is acceptable from the SPN perspective. Please suggest changes as necessary.

Thank you very much,

Vito

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Sandy

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To complete the assignment from the discussion last week, attached is the version (thanks to OCAP for the copy edits) of the procedural document on assessment releases agreed to by the Energy Resources Program, OCAP and OSQI. Here is the pertinent section regarding release:

7. The assessment Fact Sheet is released with approval from the Science Center and in coordination with the Energy Resources Program Coordinator. To permit the Department of the Interior (DOI) to be able to answer questions upon release of the Fact Sheet, the USGS should offer a briefing that includes the assessment numbers to senior Departmental officials who anticipate receiving questions. The briefing is for notification purposes only, and public release shall occur immediately at the conclusion of the briefing. Sufficient steps should be taken at the notification briefing to identify nonpublic information and ensure that DOI employees receiving the briefing understand that such information must not be prematurely released or misused. All U.S. Government employees are subject to misuse of position restrictions including 5 C.F.R. § 2635.702 - Use of public office for private gain and 5 C.F.R. § 2635.703 - Use of nonpublic information.

My understanding is that the same procedures will be incorporated into minerals assessments.

Since we are updating Fundamental Science Practices in the Survey Manual, OSQI will make sure that the policy is clarified where needed. I am available if you have any questions.

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From: "Reid, Carolyn" <clreid@usgs.gov>
Sent: Tue Dec 12 2017 07:02:53 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Rama Kotra <rkotra@usgs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Status of Revision to 502.5?

Here it is. Want to talk about how to best incorporate this request from Craig.

Carolyn

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Robinson, Craig** <crrobinson@usgs.gov>
Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 8:33 AM
Subject: Re: Status of Revision to 502.5?
To: "Reid, Carolyn" <clreid@usgs.gov>

Hi Carolyn: Please consider how the following procedural item fits with the revisions to 502.5 so that it is clear that the practice is consistent with policy (i.e. that we can offer notification briefings to those with oversight responsibilities at DOI, under strict controls and with immediate public release following the last briefing). As 502.5 is currently written, it is not clear what can and cannot be done to brief DOI. A notification briefing should not constitute a pre-release but we need to clarify. Here is the draft language going into the energy program procedures:

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On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 8:07 AM, Reid, Carolyn <clreid@usgs.gov> wrote:

Brian,

We have completed reconciling the comments from the FSPAC review and I am preparing the draft for a last look by the FSPAC this week (for showstoppers only--not for another review).

The target for sending the draft for ELT review is by the end of the month or at the latest, the first week in January.

Carolyn

On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 7:52 AM, May, Brian <bmay@usgs.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Keith and Carolyn,

do you have an update regarding the 502.5 revisions? Releasing data (especially raw and including non-interpretive data) under the FOIA, **prior** to publication, remains a constant area of frustration for the science community.

Do you have an idea when the revised version of 502.5 will go live?

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 2:48 PM, May, Brian <bmay@usgs.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Keith, et al:

attached are my proposed revisions and comments to the latest version of FSP 502.5. Please let me know if you would like to meet about my feedback next week (I'm out of the office tomorrow through Friday).

I'm adding Chris Bartlett to this email string to review the draft in her role as Records Manager, and Chief, Information Management Branch (Litigation Support/Touhy Requests). I added Touhy, subpoena, and court order language to this draft to try and clarify those actions. Additionally, the draft touches on records disposition schedules and records schedules and Chris should have the opportunity weigh-in.

I added Dale Anglin, Chris and my supervisor, to this email and I also added Judy Cearley from my staff.

I look forward to working with OSQI to finish revising this FSP and hopefully put to rest some of the issues that we've been wrestling with over the past few years.

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On Mon, Sep 25, 2017 at 1:53 PM, Kirk, Keith <kkirk@usgs.gov> wrote:

Attached is the revised SM 502.5 with a few changes to reflect discussion I had last week during my meeting with Brian.

Changes make clear that in most cases data must be released if requested under FOIA. Also I deleted a section related to data associated with the endangered species act and added a note with questions.

Brian - please let us know what you think about these changes.

Keith G. Kirk

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Subject: meeting time

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**Sent:** Fri Dec 01 2017 08:06:52 GMT-0700 (MST)  
**To:** Leslie Jones <[ljones@usgs.gov](mailto:ljones@usgs.gov)>  
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I am pleased to hear that. Murray was going to check with EIA to get their policy on this type of thing too. Maybe we can get this reversed... thank you for talking to him, let's see what happens. Judy has scheduled another meeting next week on this.

Sent from my iPad

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Re: Heads up - Draft list of critical minerals is nearing readiness for dissemination to BLM, DOI, and NSTC

1 message

Werkheiser, William <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>

Mon, Jan 8, 2018 at 11:17 AM

To: "Plumlee, Geoffrey" <gplumlee@usgs.gov>

Cc: David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, "Nowakowski, Judy" <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>, Joanne Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>

Thanks, Geoff. and Thanks to all who worked so hard to get the list together. -Bill

On Mon, Jan 8, 2018 at 11:01 AM, Plumlee, Geoffrey <gplumlee@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hi All - Steve Fortier and his folks have done a marvelous job in getting the draft critical minerals list and accompanying text ready. Larry Meinert, David Diamond, and I reviewed it over the weekend, and Steve Fortier is finalizing changes in response to our reviews. He could send it to BLM today (given the EO instructions that we are to work with BLM to develop the list), and to DOI and NSTC tomorrow morning. I presume that you folks would like to take a look at it before it is sent externally, so will forward it from Steve for your review as soon as he is done.

Thanks, Geoff

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Werkheiser, William <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>

Fwd: resignation letter

1 message

Werkheiser, William <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>
To: Andrea Travnicek <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 8:49 AM

Andrea: Please see Murray's letter that he sent to Dave and me yesterday. -Bill

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From: **Hitzman, Murray** <mhitzman@usgs.gov>

Date: Sun, Dec 17, 2017 at 1:13 PM

Subject: resignation letter

To: William Werkheiser <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>, "Applegate, David" <applegate@usgs.gov>

Bill and Dave

Please see the attached. I would appreciate guidance on how I will proceed after I return to the US on Wednesday evening. I expect to be in to Reston and will ask Hirut to set me up with HR for exit proceedings - though I will not mention the exit proceedings in my email to her today.

sincerely

murray

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Clark, Melanie <melanie_clark@usgs.gov>

Fwd: Loss of Scientific Integrity

1 message

Nowakowski, Judy <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>

Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 2:52 PM

To: Melanie Clark <melanie_clark@usgs.gov>

Hi Melanie, this one should be included in Bill Werkheiser's response to the Halper FOIA request. Thanks!

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From: **Werkheiser, William** <whwerkhe@usgs.gov>

Date: Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 5:47 PM

Subject: Loss of Scientific Integrity

To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Andrea Travnicek <andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov>, David Applegate <applegate@usgs.gov>, Craig Robinson <crobinson@usgs.gov>, Judy J Nowakowski <jnowakowski@usgs.gov>, Joanne C Taylor <jctaylor@usgs.gov>

Hi Heather: I wanted to follow-up on your question of Scientific Integrity and how it relates to the timing of notifying the Department on the results of USGS-approved oil and gas assessments. Loss of scientific integrity occurs when there is a significant departure from the accepted standards, professional values, and practices of the relevant scientific community, including (for DOI employees and covered outside parties) the DOI Code of Scientific and Scholarly Conduct and Departmental standards for the performance of scientific or scholarly activities. As the Department's Scientific Integrity Officer, I do not believe that current or proposed practices for the notification of DOI leadership constitutes a loss of scientific integrity. A major factor in reaching that conclusion is that there is a range of practices for notifying DOI leadership of the results of energy assessments, with current and any proposed USGS practices falling within that range. In addition, USGS fundamental science practices provide some flexibility in the timing of notification to DOI. The USGS preferred approach of briefing DOI just ahead of public release is designed to minimize the risk of creating the perception of unfair advantage while still recognizing the Department's need as the USGS's parent entity to speak knowledgeably about the results when asked by the media and Congress.

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